## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

FRITZ	Z PYEN
	Plaintiff,
-vs	

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

GC SERVICES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - DELAWARE Defendant.

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### **COMPLAINT & JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, Fritz Pyen, through counsel, Nitzkin and Associates, by Gary Nitzkin states the following claims for relief:

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This court has jurisdiction under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C.
- 2. §§1331,1337.
- This court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the related state law claims
  arising out of the same nucleus of operative facts which give rise to the Federal law
  claims.

#### **PARTIES**

4. The Defendant to this lawsuit is GC Services Limited Partnership - Delaware ("GC Services") which is a foreign limited partnership doing business in Oakland County, MI.

#### **VENUE**

- The transactions and occurrences which give rise to this action occurred in Washtenaw County, MI.
- 6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Michigan.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. Defendant is attempting to collect on a Citibank debt allegedly due from the Plaintiff and his mother, Eun Chyung.
- 8. This is a consumer type debt.
- 9. Around November of 2010, Defendant started calling Plaintiff in connection with the collection of this debt.
- 10. Plaintiff first spoke with Defendant in the beginning of January, 2011.
- 11. Defendant spoke with a Michelle Gardner.
- 12. Around January 10, 2011, Michelle Gardner started calling Plaintiff's sister and brother-in-law, Mae Hong and Bob Hong, respectively.
- 13. Ms Gardner called the Hongs' home phone and both of their cellular telephones.
- 14. She called them approximately six times.
- 15. Around January 10, 2011, Ms. Gardner told the Hongs that she was calling about a debt owed by Plaintiff.
- 16. The Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the FDCPA.

#### **COUNT I - FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

- 17. Plaintiff reincorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 18. At all relevant times Defendant, in the ordinary course of its business, regularly engaged in the practice of collecting debts on behalf of other individuals or entities.
- 19. Plaintiff is a "consumer" for purposes of the FDCPA and the account at issue in this case is a consumer debt.
- 20. Defendant is a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 21. Defendant's foregoing acts in attempting to collect this alleged debt violated 15 U.S.C. §1692 et. seq;
- 22. The Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the FDCPA.

#### COUNT II - VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL CODE

- 23. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 24. Defendant is a "collection agency" as that term is defined in the Michigan Occupational Code ("MOC"), M.C.L. § 339.901(b).
- 25. Plaintiff is a debtor as that term is defined in M.C.L. § 339.901(f).
- 26. Defendant's foregoing acts in attempting to collect this alleged debt violated MCL §339.915
- 27. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the Michigan Occupational Code.
- 28. These violations of the Michigan Occupational Code were willful.

# COUNT III - VIOLATION OF THE MICHIGAN COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 30. Defendant is a "Regulated Person" as that term is defined in the Michigan Collection Practices Act ("MCPA"), at MCL § 445.251.
- 31. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as that term is defined at MCL § 445.251.
- 32. Defendant's foregoing acts in attempting to collect this alleged debt violated MCL §445.252
- 33. Plaintiff has suffered damages as a result of these violations of the MCPA.
- 34. These violations of the MCPA were willful.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff demands trial by jury in this action.

#### DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT FOR RELIEF

Accordingly, Plaintiff requests that the Court grant him the following relief against the defendant:

- a. Actual damages.
- b. Statutory damages.
- c. Treble damages.
- d. Statutory costs and attorney fees.

## Respectfully submitted.

February 10, 2011 /s/ Gary Nitzkin

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